

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 and 3 and add new Claims 16-32 as indicated below.

The status of all pending claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A substrate for a liquid crystal display, comprising:

a sealing material forming region provided in a peripheral portion of a base substrate;

a display area defined within the sealing material forming region; and

a cell gap control layer, formed in the display area, that reduces a cell gap between the base substrate and an opposite substrate provided opposite to the base substrate, such that the cell gap in the display area where said cell gap control layer is formed is less than a gap in an area outside of said cell gap control ~~layer~~. layer,

wherein said cell gap control layer reduces the cell gap in the display area to be greater than 1  $\mu\text{m}$  and less than 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

2. (Original) A substrate for a liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein the cell gap control layer is formed of a photosensitive resin.

3. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display comprising a pair of substrates and a liquid crystal sealed between the substrates, wherein one of said substrates

includes a sealing material forming region provided in a peripheral portion of the substrate; a display area defined within the sealing material forming region; and a cell gap control layer, formed in the display area, that reduces a cell gap between substrates, such that the cell gap in the display area where said cell gap control layer is formed is less than a gap in an area outside of said cell gap control layer. layer,

wherein said cell gap control layer reduces the cell gap in the display area to be greater than 1  $\mu\text{m}$  and less than 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

4. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, further comprising an adhesive which is spread on either of the substrates and which secures the pair of substrates to each other.

5. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, further comprising a pillar spacer for maintaining the cell gap.

6. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, further comprising a spherical spacer for maintaining the cell gap.

7. (Original) A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, wherein the cell gap control layer has a thickness greater than the cell gap.

8. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, further comprising a sealing material formed on said sealing material forming region, wherein a thickness of said sealing material is greater than a thickness of said cell gap control layer.

9. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display according to claim 3 wherein the cell gap between said cell gap control layer and at least one of said substrates includes liquid crystal therein.

10. (Previously Presented) A substrate for a liquid crystal display according to claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of gate bus lines formed on the base substrate; and  
an insulation film provided between the gate bus lines and the cell gap control layer.

11. (Previously Presented) A substrate for a liquid crystal display according to claim 10, further comprising:

a plurality of drain bus lines formed on the insulation film; and  
a protection film provided between the drain bus lines and the cell gap control layer.

12. (Previously Presented) A substrate for a liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein the cell gap control layer is formed directly on the protection film.

13. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, further comprising:

- a plurality of gate bus lines formed on one of the substrates; and
- an insulation film provided between the gate bus lines and the cell gap control layer.

14. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display according to claim 13, further comprising:

- a plurality of drain bus lines formed on the insulation film; and
- a protection film provided between the drain bus lines and the cell gap control layer.

15. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display according to claim 14, wherein the cell gap control layer is formed directly on the protection film.

16. (New) A substrate for a liquid crystal display according to claim 1, wherein said cell gap in the display area is approximately 1.4  $\mu\text{m}$ .

17. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 3, wherein said cell gap in the display area is approximately 1.4 μm.

18. (New) A substrate for a liquid crystal display, comprising:  
a sealing material forming region provided in a peripheral portion of a base substrate;

a display area defined within the sealing material forming region;  
a protection film formed throughout the base substrate; and  
a cell gap control layer, formed in the display area on the protection film, that reduces a cell gap between the base substrate and an opposite substrate provided opposite to the base substrate such that the cell gap in the display area where said cell gap control layer is formed is less than a gap in an area outside of said cell gap control layer.

19. (New) A substrate for a liquid crystal display according to claim 18, wherein the cell gap control layer is formed of a photosensitive resin.

20. (New) A substrate for a liquid crystal display according to claim 18, further comprising:

a plurality of gate bus lines formed on the base substrate; and

an insulation film provided between the gate bus line and the cell gap control layer.

21. (New) A substrate for a liquid crystal display according to claim 20, further comprising a plurality of drain bus lines formed on the insulation film, wherein the protection film is provided between the drain bus lines and the cell gap control layer.

22. (New) A substrate for a liquid crystal display according to claim 21, wherein the cell gap control layer is formed directly on the protection film.

23. (New) A liquid crystal display, comprising:  
a base substrate;  
an opposite substrate provided opposite to the base substrate;  
a sealing material forming region provided in a peripheral portion of the base substrate;  
a protection film formed throughout the base substrate; and  
a cell gap control layer, formed in the display area in one of the base substrate and the opposite substrate, that reduces a cell gap between the base substrate and the opposite substrate, such that the cell gap in the display area where said cell gap control layer is formed is less than a gap in an area outside of said cell gap control layer.

24. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 23, further comprising an adhesive which is spread on either of the base substrate or the opposite substrate and which secures the base substrate and the opposite substrate to each other.

25. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 23, further comprising a pillar spacer for maintaining the cell gap.

26. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 23, further comprising a spherical spacer for maintaining the cell gap.

27. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 23, wherein the cell gap control layer has a thickness greater than the cell gap.

28. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 23, further comprising a sealing material formed on said sealing material forming region, wherein a thickness of said sealing material is greater than a thickness of said cell gap control layer.

29. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 23, wherein the cell gap between said cell gap control layer and at least one of said base substrate and said opposite substrate includes liquid crystal therein.

30. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 23, further comprising:

a plurality of gate bus lines formed on the base substrate; and  
an insulation film provided between the gate bus line and the cell gap control layer.

31. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 30, further comprising a plurality of drain bus lines formed on the insulation film, wherein the protection film is provided between the drain bus lines and the cell gap control layer.

32. (New) A liquid crystal display according to claim 31, wherein the cell gap control layer is formed directly on the protection film.